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**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET  
TO EXPIRE 2 MONTHS, DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.**

*See attached letter.*

Art Unit: 3711

In response to applicant's telephone communication of 2/23/2000 regarding the last Office action, the following corrective action is taken.

In keeping with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 710.06, a period for reply of 2 MONTHS was set to begin with the mailing date of this letter.

The reference JP 405068733 A to Sankyo K.K. was not correctly cited in the last Office action. The correct citation is shown on the attached PTO-892.

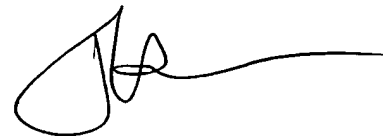
Copies of the following references not previously supplied are enclosed:

JP 405068733 A - Sankyo K.K.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Dolores R. Collins** whose telephone number is (703) 308-8352. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Jeanette Chapman**, can be reached on (703) 308-1310. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3579.

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